



PROCLAMATION

SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

APRIL 2023

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years, and during the early 20th century thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific, and Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today there are more than 26 million Sikhs worldwide; and

WHEREAS, every April Sikhs celebrate Vaisakhi, a spring festival that celebrates the founding of the Sikh community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has officially designated the month of April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month as a way to honor and celebrate the important role played by the Sikh community; and

WHEREAS, since arriving, Sikhs have made valuable contributions to the State of Colorado including establishing multiple gurdwaras (house of prayer); and

WHEREAS, Sikh-Americans pursue diverse professions, and make contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of Colorado and the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, in Lafayette, Sikh-Americans are small business owners, educators, work within the City government; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh-Americans strive to distinguish themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith, leadership, service, and the promotion of equality of all human beings; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh-American community continues to peacefully overcome attacks on its members and on Sikh identity and practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette has a strategic priority to be a SAFE, WELCOMING, AND INCLUSIVE community that maintains a sense of small town livability by promoting a diversity of culture, ideas, and neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lafayette, Colorado, do hereby declare April 2023, to be Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month and encourage all residents to support and recognize our diverse and inclusive community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

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